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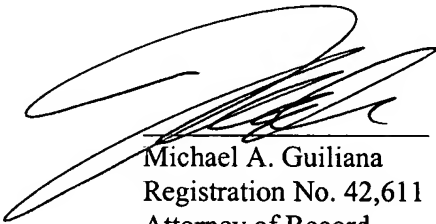
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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with nineteen (19) references listed.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 19 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 09/690,790, filed October 17, 2000, now issued as U.S. patent no. 6,675,973, which is the parent of this Divisional application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with an RCE or within three months of the filing date of this application and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4).

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
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	2	4,852,743	08/01/89	Ridgeway			
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	6	5,218,510	06/08/93	Bradford			
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	18	6,675,973	01/13/04	McDonald et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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